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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed November 1, 2004, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group II, claims 6-12, without traverse for continued examination.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any credits or deficiency in the fees filed (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. 61843(51035).

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